

SACRAMENTO RIVER ADVISORY COUNCIL

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~ 1086 NOTES ~

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MOA FINALIZED AND SIGNING PROCESS BEGUN

For those on the Management Sub-committee, it is a proud moment. The many hours of discussion and re-writing of MOA language to; Document broad endorsement of the 1989 Plan and commitment to the goals and principles of the Handbook; Identify relationships and improve coordination between signatories in implementation of the 1989 Plan and Handbook; And, secure support for the establishment of a Non-profit Organization and outline the role and responsibilities of that organization, is complete.

On May 20, the Wildlife Conservation Board authorized the Chairman to sign the MOA. A special thanks to Executive Director John Schmidt, Department of Fish & Game Director Bob Hight and Fish and Game Commission President Richard Thierot for leading the way. Several other entities are also scheduling presentations for possible signing actions. FLASH! Glenn County Board authorizes signing of MOA---More later---

The Management Sub-committee has been meeting at least once a month for a couple of years. At risk of leaving someone out--Thanks to: Julie Cunningham, Rita Singer, John and Pat Repanich, Marie Sullivan, Scott Clemons, Earle Cummings, Stacy Cepello, Rebecca Fawver, Kate Hansel, Diana Jacobs, John Merz, Marlyce Myers, Paul Ward, Penny Ruvelas, Ramon Vega, Denny Bungarz, and the late Rick Dreher. Thank You!

ADVISORY COUNCIL REVIEWS CALFED PROPOSALS

At the April meeting, the Advisory Council reviewed nine CALFED grant proposals dealing with the Sacramento River. Several tough questions were asked of the proponents, but in the end the Council agreed with the

recommendation of the Riparian Habitat Committee that the requests met the requirements outlined in the Handbook. One of the criteria established by CALFED requires that each proposal must notify local government and have public involvement. This requirement is also paramount to the SB1086 consensus based process, and had some proponents scrambling to meet the criteria. As the Sacramento River Conservation Area SB1086 program matures, consistency with the Handbook will be critical to funding of related proposals.

WEB PAGE PROPOSED

Fraser Sime of DWR, Northern District, presented the Riparian Habitat Committee with a draft Sacramento River Conservation Area web page. The Outreach Committee had reviewed the proposed Internet connection, and were appropriately impressed. Stacy, Kevin and Julie collaborated in designing the web page. Fraser indicated that a request was going through proper channels to allow the web page to go online. Some suggestions were forthcoming from the group, with the hope that it would be available to all very soon.

COE PROJECT 1135 ON ROCK MAINTENANCE REVIEWED

A request by the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for the Corps of Engineers to outline a process to re-define maintenance requirements for those entities responsible for maintenance of bank protection sites in the Chico Landing to Red Bluff Project reach was reviewed earlier this month. As the result of a request made through the SB1086 process, the COE and the State Reclamation Board have investigated the maintenance criteria and are

developing a plan to process requests to possibly abandon sites that may be of no use or even detrimental to landowners or public entities.

Maintenance requirements have been modified, and growth that does not threaten the integrity of the project, or hinder inspection, may be allowed. Concern was expressed that removal of the growth could be prevented should critical habitat be discovered. Patrick Koepele of the COE indicated that he would research that question.

Several sites were reviewed by Patrick and Annalena Bronson of the Rec. Board for possible consideration of abandonment. A process will be outlined that includes notification of adjacent landowners and the public before proceedings would occur. Most of the sites to be considered were in areas where they no longer served a useful function. Representatives from Tehama, Glenn and Butte Counties attended, as well as a representative of GCID.

ENCROACHMENT PERMITS DISCUSSED

Through the coordination of SB1086, a meeting to discuss the Encroachment Permit process was held by the State Reclamation Board staff. Pete Rabbon and Ricardo Pineda headed a team that outlined the needs and responsibilities of the permitting process that deals with activities within the designated floodway. Recent re-vegetation activities along the River prompted concerns as to

the cumulative impact to the flood control system.

An interested group filled most of the seats in the Glenn County Board Chambers as the reasons for the permit and the requirements and process were explained. Several questions were answered and issues discussed. In all, most felt that the session was beneficial.

RICK DREHER'S LOSS WILL BE FELT BY ALL

The loss of Rick Dreher in a Utah highway accident on April 20 deeply saddened us all. Rick was our main contact with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and a "regular" at the 1086 meetings. We relied on him to answer our never ending-questions about Corps projects and policies-which he always did with good cheer and tact. Rick, we miss you very much!!!

Up-Coming Meeting Dates

Management Committee—Handbook revisions
June 15, 1 p.m. at Glenn Co Board Conference Room
Comp Study Report, Meetings--
June 21—Marysville, June 23—Red Bluff,
June 26—Sacramento
Butte Basin meeting , June 30
Rip Hab Comm meeting—July 14

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